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Title :The Minister of Science &Technology made a statement regarding status of implementation of recommendations contained in the 158th Report of the Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants (2006-07) pertaining to the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): Sir, I beg to lay the statement on the Table of the House in pursuance of Direction No. 73A of the hon. Speaker, Lok Sabha issued *vide* Lok Sabha Bulletin, Part II, dated 1st September, 2004 to inform the esteemed House about the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred Fifty Eighth report of Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests. This report relates to the consideration of the Demands for Grants of Ministry of Earth Sciences for the year 2006-07. The Committee reviewed the progress made by MoES during the reporting period and considered the Demands for Grants (2006-07) in detail.

2. The Committee, while reviewing the working and considering the detailed Demands for Grants of MoES, analyzed the Demands for Grants with reference to the aims, objectives and achievements of the Ministry and laid the 158th Report thereon to the House on the 18th May, 2006. The repot contains Sixteen recommendations.

3. All the recommendations of the Committee have been considered in the Ministry of Earth Sciences. The Ministry has furnished a detailed Action Taken Report on these recommendations to the Committee in July, 2006. The current status on the action taken is detailed in the appended Annexure.

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*Laid on the Table and also placed in the Library, See No. LT 4761/2006